

### **Abstract**

The present invention relates to peptides that specifically bind to endothelial cells. The peptides can be incorporated into gene delivery vector particles and can also direct therapeutic agents, including proteins such as growth factors and cytokines as well as small molecules. The vector particles, peptides, or small molecules can be used for the treatment of cancer and cardiovascular diseases such as ischemic heart disease, peripheral limb disease, vein graft stenosis and restenosis.